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LISTS WAGE SCALES FOR TIMBER, COAL INDUSTRIES

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WAGE SCALES FOR TIMBER WORKERS -- Leninskoye Znamya, 9 Sep 49

The following wage scales are currently in effect for logging, floating, tapping, and processing of timber in enterprises of the Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry:

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A worker's category depends on his qualifications and the complexity and the difficulty of the work he performs. Thus, Class III is assigned to workers engaged in logging with a cant hook and in burning trimmed branches. Classes IV and V are for undercutters, trimmers, and gatherers of branches, skilders using horses of categories I and II, chocker men and fallers using a two-man saw. Classes VI and VII are for operators of electric saws, tractor drivers, gasoline locomotive drivers, and skilled buck-saw timber cutters (lescrubluchkist; Class VI). Class VI is also for drivers using horses of categories I and II and for markers of flow trees.

The daily wage rates of truck drivers and locomotive engineers are fixed independently of the above wage scale.

Workers in the principal lumbering enterprises are paid on a piece-rate basis. These rates are determined by dividing the daily wage of a worker in a given category by the daily cutput norm. Work done over and above the daily norm is paid for on the basis of a piece-rate progressive system (sdel'no-progressivnaya sistema) which is computed bimonthly. If in the course of 2 weeks a worker performs more

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than 12 daily work norms, the first additional 2.4 norms are paid for at rates 50 percent above the basic rates, while those in excess of the additional 2.4 norms are paid for at rates 100 percent above the basic rates.

Certain categories of workers, i.e., those engaged in mechanized bauling of timber, are compensated for additional work norms at rates as high as 150 percent above the basic rates.

In addition to basic pay and extra pay at increased rates for extra work, workers in the timber industry also receive bonuses for performing a required number of daily work norms per season, as follows:

Norms per Season

Bonuses in % to Basic Wage Rates

	Loggers	Skidders	Drivers
40 40 to 60 60 to 80 80 and more	50 8 0 12 0 15 0	40 70 100 120	30 60 80

The bonuses are computed only on the basis of basic pay rates. These bonuses constitute a substantial addition to the earnings of lumber workers. Thus, Comrade Fetrov who fulfilled 63 norms during the autumn-winter season of 1949 received a premium of 707.72 rubles.

COAL MINERS! WAGES -- Trud, 27 Aug 49

The Fourth Five-Year Plan established the following wages for coal miners: 60 rubles per day for the operator of a coal combine, and 40 rubles per day for the operator of a cutter or a sinker. As the mines are operated on the progressive piece-rate system, highly skilled workers and Stakhanovites are paid still more. In 7 months of 1949, a Stakhanovite driller received 27,633 rubles, a Stakhanovite conveyer (perenoschik), 17,937 rubles, and a Stakhanovite cutter, 23,551 rubles.

The miner's wage is now 9 percent higher than last year. Miners' wages already exceed prewar wages.

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